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Crash claims pilot, military photographer

EXERCISE The pilot and military photographer aboard a CT-114 Tutor are dead after their plane crashed just outside of Moose Jaw, Sask., yesterday afternoon.

The plane crashed two kilometres northwest of the 15 Wing Base, where the plane was stationed and reportedly conducting a training exercise.

The CT-114 is the same plane used by the Snowbirds aerobatic team, though the deceased are not members of the team. The Snowbirds are currently showing in California.

Both of the deceased were Canadians, though the names were not released as of press time, as the next of kin was still to be notified. The crash is under investigation.

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With the Flames out of town for their season opener against the Vancouver Canucks, country star Toby Keith turned the Pengrowth Saddledome into a honky-tonk last night for 10,000 fans.

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More cops to patrol Chinatown

Decision comes after 2,000 petition for more officers

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A plan to step up police patrol in Chinatown in light of recent violence is getting mixed reviews.

Last month, an innocent bystander was left blind after a bullet meant for someone else struck him. The incident prompted nearly 2,000 signatures from Chinatown residents for more patrols in the area.

Nigel Wikle thinks it's an "overreaction" to boost the number of cops in the area.

"I just think there are already enough police officers in the area. The problem is, they are harassing people like skateboarders instead of addressing the violence," he said.

Police Supt. Trevor Daroux says the presence of extra officers in the area isn't directly related to the in-

60 The number of additional police officers set to be on the downtown beat by next June, says police Supt. Trevor Daroux.

nocent bystander shot.

"It has been in the works for a while now. Chinatown has just been identified as a priority right now, but this is something we have been working towards for a while," he added.

Daroux said by next June there will actually be 77 police officers on the downtown beat — currently, there are only 17.

Ward 8 Ald. John Mar, who oversees the downtown Beltline area, said the extra policing is less of a knee-jerk reaction and more of an identified need.

"We have an obligation to patrol all areas of the city. Sometimes some areas need more than others," he said.

Oilsands 'horrified' film star

TOUR Scream star Neve Campbell says she was appalled after touring Alberta's oilsands,



which included a visit to the Mikisew First Nation and the Athabasca First Nation. Neve Campbell

"I'm horrified by the pace and scale of development in the tar-

sands, and weak response by our federal and provincial governments," she said in a release yesterday.

The tour held on Wednesday and Tuesday, organized by ForestEthics, was done by helicopter and car.

The organization also vowed to step up efforts to raise attention about "the environmental and social costs" of oilsands developments, it said in a release.

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Police are after a Caucasian male, 6-foot with slim build, wearing black sunglasses, dark baseball cap and grey shirt and pants in connection with the robbery of First Calgary Savings and Credit Union yesterday afternoon in the 6500 block of Falconridge Blvd. NE. METRO CALGARY

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Drug-free bodybuilding competition

The International Drug Free Athletics (IDFA) will be holding the IDFA Western Canada Classic, featuring natural bodybuilding, figure and fitness athletes at SAIT on Oct. 25. For more information visit www.idfa.ca.

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Card swipe for staff at 230 public schools

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High-tech security systems could be coming to a public school near you.

The public school board approved the \$1.8 million technology — and after testing the project at 80 pilot schools, the central-

ized system will now be used by all 230 public schools.

"Right now our short term intentions are for the system to be used by teachers and support staff and if it goes well we



would look at expanding it to our students," CBE spokesperson Barb Kuester said, adding it's a security step.

The ID card system would require teachers and staff to swipe into the schools and certain areas, and would also allow the school to be put on lockdown, if needed.

But not everyone is in

support of the idea for students to be obligated to carry the ID cards.

Heather Fidyk, 42-year-old mother of three, says while it seems like a good idea for high school students, she thinks it's a little much for elementary.

"I think perhaps high school students could benefit from this, but I think elementary kids al-

Separate board

- Catholic school board spokesperson Janet Sutherland says they have no immediate intentions to follow suit. "It's not on the radar for us," she said.

ready have enough to worry about just carrying

their bags," she said.

Western Canada High school students weighed in on the idea and while 17-year-old Kyle Hanna thinks it's a good idea to have more security, another thinks it's too much.

"I think it's a bit of an overreaction. I have never really felt unsafe here," Ashleigh Honeyman said.

News in brief

STUDY The number of youth conducting criminal activities in Alberta is on a major downward slide, according to new University of Calgary research. A study released yesterday, the second phase of a three-year project, found a 27 per cent decline in the number of Albertans between 12 and 17 years old being charged with criminal offences between 2001 and 2006. The next installment of the project will look into the best practices across the country to deal with chronic young offenders.

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Calgary motorists frustrated by three years of construction slowdowns along Glenmore Trail SW were treated to a freer-flowing thoroughfare yesterday as the road work finally came to an end.

Glenmore construction is now history

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Motorists got an early Christmas present yesterday when they set to the roads and found Glenmore Trail back to normal — no construction and an 80 km/h speed limit.

Construction on the busy

roadway initially began in 2005, while work on the first phase was finished in 2007; the rest was completed this week, making it the largest infrastructure project in the city's history.

"These projects were a massive undertaking. Calgarians have shown incredible patience and support during construction, and

are finally able to reap the benefits," Mayor Dave Bronconnier said.

Glenmore Trail is an east-west causeway that has 140,000 commuters daily, including Ken Smith who was happy to see the six-lane road back to normal.

"I don't drive it everyday but when I do it's a hellhole."

So far it looks a lot better though," he said.

But Brian Lahody drives the Glenmore twice daily and says while he is happy it's finished, he still thinks it could be better.

"I think it sucks you can't get to Glenmore east from 5th street where I live," he said. "But it's good it's finally done."

Trailer parks not ideal housing: Prof

SOCIAL HOUSING In the battle for more affordable housing, trailer parks are not the answer, says a University of Calgary professor.

Ald. Ric McIver said the city could save by looking to cost-effective trailers, getting one and a half units compared to a current typical \$300,000 affordable housing option.

"It's the worst case scenario for making money, but it's the best case scenario for addressing the sizable affordable housing problems we have here," said McIver.

University of Calgary environmental design specialist Marc Boutin said it might be cost-friendly, but he doesn't envision it boosting the human spirit of those it intends to help.

"Essentially, you're marrying two stereotypes here in that trailer parks are cheap and affordable and social housing has to be cheap," he said. "It's not the best solution by a long shot and a key concern with social housing must be that there are no stigmas attached."

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The Calgary Centennial Arena received a \$10 million injection from the city and the province yesterday for the first stage of an expansion program that will see the arena be the first quad-arena, four season sports complex in the province. METRO CALGARY

Disaster looms for health system: MLA

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The numbers are skewed.
While Calgary's 112 family physicians per 100,000 people are higher than both the provincial and national averages, it's not an accurate reflection of

what's actually going on, according to Calgary Mountain View Liberal MLA David Swann.

"Family physicians are increasingly turning to other things — injecting veins, cosmetic procedures, helping out with specialized surgeries — just to make enough mon-

ey to stay afloat," Swann said. "It's a highly stressful, poorly paid career and people are staying away from family medicine in droves,



Swann

so I'd suggest that this 112 number is absolutely inaccurate."

The family physician rate barely made the grade on the Calgary Foundation's Vital Signs report released earlier this week, receiving a D-plus, while health and wellness overall received a C, indicating Calgarians ex-

pect much more of a health care system that Swann said is on a fast track for complete disaster.

"The ones that do stick with it are so close to falling off the edge that it is going to mean more mistakes are made, more complications and more legal action," Swann said. "People aren't getting the care they need or deserve."

Alberta Health and Wellness' Howard May said there isn't a city in the country facing more growth pressure than Calgary and finding enough people to fill family physician slots is a constant battle.

"Let's face it, when you've got people moving

Report card

- Overall Health and Wellness received a grade of C in the Vital Signs report.
- 16.4 per cent of Calgarians are considered obese.
- 56.3 per cent of Calgarians consider themselves active.
- 78.5 per cent of Calgarians report excellent mental health.
- Calgary has the third most casinos per capita in North America.

here from all over the country and the world, they're not bringing their hospitals and doctors with them," May said. "We're doing the best we can."

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Relaxation Grinding some air



Blair Homan, 26, hangs out on a custom built skateboard swing yesterday in the front of his house on 12 Ave SW. The swing is a huge rush-hour attraction, Homan said.

Domestic abuse victims get help from province

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FUNDING It's really just the beginning.

Escaping family violence got easier for about 50 Calgary women and their children yesterday as the province teamed up with Calgary's Homeless Foundation to inject nearly \$1 million into a pilot project aiming to get the victims of domestic abuse out of temporary shelters and into permanent homes.

"There's a great support network here, but we're just unable to keep up with the demand," said Yvonne Fritz, minister of housing and urban affairs.

tion president and CEO Tim Richter, whose organization shelled out \$250,000 for the project.

Calgary has the highest rate of domestic violence in the country, according to the Calgary Foundation's Vital Signs report released Monday, there were 12,276 domestic calls to police in 2007, a 500 call increase from the year prior.

"It is critical that women and children who are victims of domestic violence have housing available where they can pause, think about next steps, be safe and move to a better life," said Yvonne Fritz, minister of housing and urban affairs.



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Canada

CEO not surprised

Maple Leaf Foods Inc. CEO Michael McCain said yesterday he was not surprised to find more listeria in the plant whose products have been linked to at least 20 deaths. He said listeria exists in "100 per cent" of meat plants, noting the plant is sanitized for six to eight hours a day.

REUTERS

Afghan mission \$18.1B: Report

The Conservative government deliberately misled Canadians about the mounting cost of Canada's Afghan mission, federal New Democrats said after a new report pegged the price tag at up to \$18.1 billion before it ends in 2011.

"They have tried to hide the real cost," NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday after the parliamentary budget officer released a report that tallied the cost of the war — and also said that successive Liberal and Conservative governments were not upfront with Canadians.

Yesterday's independent report, which pegged the cost of the conflict far

"They have tried to hide the real cost."

Jack Layton

above anything released by the government, thrust the issue into the political arena in the final days of the campaign.

Kevin Page, Parliament's independent budget officer, called his report the most "comprehensive" assessment of the price tag of Canada's diplomatic and military efforts in Afghanistan since 2002.

Harper defended the cost as the price of ensuring soldiers and diplomats are well-protected in their work.

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 See how the \$18B price tag of the Afghan war has become an election issue at metronews.ca/canada

Ottawa High profile help



TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

Former Prime Minister Paul Martin, left, and Liberal candidate for Ottawa West-Nepean David Pratt, centre, greet a young shopper at an Ottawa mall yesterday. As the election draws nigh, several federal candidates in Ottawa recruited some high-profile help for their campaigns yesterday.

News in brief

TUITION Data from Statistics Canada released yesterday shows the cost of tuition is again on the rise. Canadian students attending university, or taking

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Election Tour Canada

Highlights of the week's election campaign from Metro newsrooms across the nation

CALGARY

Calgary followed a national trend with more than 4,000 fewer people showing up to advance polls than the 2006 election. Protesters gathered in front of Calgary city hall Monday, decrying a lack of arts and culture support from Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative party. And former Calgary Northeast MP Art Hanger expressed dismay over the unravelling scrap between independent conservative candidate Roger Richard and official Conservative candidate Devinder Shory, guaranteeing a vote-splitting situation.

EDMONTON

Alberta and its vilified oilsands gained some new friends on the federal campaign trail this week: Jack Layton and Elizabeth May. Both left-leaning party leaders made conciliatory advances toward Alberta and its dirty oil. Layton said he would leave alone existing plants in the oil region and concentrate on balanced, step-by-step growth of the resource in the future. May said despite her call for a moratorium on oilsands development she would not seek to immediately shut down existing plants. Layton, on a visit to Edmonton, also cited optimism on the campaign front hoping for a breakthrough in the oil province.

VANCOUVER

It was revealed this week that three B.C. federal candidates have declared bankruptcy in the past — one Conservative, one Liberal and one Green. While Canada's next ruling party won't be decided until Tuesday, Tory Lorne Mayencourt, Liberal Dan Olson and Green candidate Doug Perry will likely never be named finance minister.

TORONTO

Election fever has gripped the GTA and recent events suggest temperatures are rising. The Canadian Auto Workers union organized a "Give Flaherty The Boot" protest (being Minister of Finance and Conservative MP for Whitby-Oshawa Jim Flaherty). Laid-off employees were among the demonstrators who left work boots outside the front door to Flaherty's campaign office Monday, accompanied by a sign saying, "These boots were made for working." A Flaherty spokesperson said the boots would be donated to the Salvation Army. Toronto also fell victim to an anti-Liberal wave of vandalism early this week, with

more than 30 instances of political graffiti sprayed on houses and car brake lines being cut.

HALIFAX

Well, here's a shocker: Teens don't like negative campaigns any more than the rest of us. This week, high school students told Metro that Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Conservative PM Stephen Harper seemed "immature" during the leaders' debate because all they did was insult each other. Anybody listening? Let's hope so. A Metro Halifax/CTV poll suggests Defence Minister Peter MacKay — you know, the

"Calgary followed a national trend with more than 4,000 fewer people showing up to advance polls than the 2006 election."

guy with the Raging Granny mom — is going to win his seat handily, despite the best efforts of Green Leader Elizabeth May. There's still four days till election day, though, so let's not plan MacKay's victory party just yet. And, finally, Premier Rodney MacDonald said yesterday that the Liberals' Green Shift plan would cost us more than \$600 million before tax cuts. The Conservatives' environment plan is apparently

great. Except MacDonald didn't know what it was.

MONTREAL

Fatima Houda-Pépin, the provincial representative for La Pinière county, jumped into the federal campaign Tuesday, asking the government to stop hesitating and start planning the reconstruction of the Champlain Bridge, which more than 130,000 motorists use every

day, making it the most used bridge in Canada. Houda-Pépin argues that it costs \$30 million per year to keep the bridge in shape and that its expiry date is set around 2016. She would also like to see a train project be developed around the reconstruction of the bridge.

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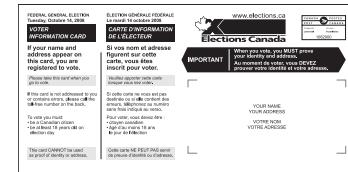
Conservative Leader Stephen Harper kicked off the final full week of campaigning on Monday in Ottawa, making a modest promise targeting parents, while the New Democrats continued to lavish attention on Gatineau last week. Speaking at

a child-care centre in Ottawa, Harper promised a re-elected Conservative government would ensure the Universal Child Care Benefit would increase with inflation and promised to make the benefit tax-free for sole-support, single-income parents. The NDP have targeted Gatineau as one of "eight to 12" ridings it believes it can win in Quebec. All candidates were pulling out party heavyweights in Ottawa on Thursday: David Emerson, Sheila Copps and former prime minister Paul Martin all joined events in Ottawa as local candidates looked for an added push heading into Tuesday's election.

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Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart halted evictions on foreclosed properties yesterday, saying innocent tenants were being put on the street and mortgage holders must be held accountable. But the Illinois Bankers Association trade group said Dart was ignoring the law and engaging in "vigilantism." **REUTERS**

World

The United States would be prepared to reconcile with the Taliban if the Afghan government pursued talks to end the war, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday.

But he said Washington would not consider any negotiations with al Qaeda.

Gates said reconciliation would be the political end to the conflict in Afghanistan, but it must happen on the Afghan government's terms and the Taliban must commit to subject itself to the sovereignty of the government.

"There has to be ultimately, and I'll underscore ultimately, reconciliation

"There has to be ultimately ... reconciliation as part of a political outcome."

Robert Gates

as part of a political outcome to this," Gates said after NATO meetings about the Afghanistan war.

"That's ultimately the exit strategy for all of us."

But Gates said reconciliation efforts could not include anyone belonging to al Qaeda, the group that had claimed responsibility for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the main target of U.S. counter-terrorism efforts around the world.

"We have to be sure that we're not talking about any al Qaeda," he said.

Britain's military commander in Afghanistan has said the war cannot be won militarily, and that talks with the Taliban will be crucial. NATO commanders and diplomats have also said for some time that negotiations with the militants will be needed.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he had asked Saudi Arabia to mediate in talks with the insurgents, and called on Taliban leader Mullah Omar to make peace. But his plea was rejected by a senior Taliban officer.

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Le Clezio wins Nobel

French author Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, a globetrotting novelist hailed as a child of all continents, won the Nobel prize for literature yesterday. The 68-year-old was honoured with the \$1.4 million US prize for his adventurous novels, essays and children's books.

REUTERS

Sierra Leone Paradise lost



KATHRINA MAUNSON / REUTERS

Hariet Turay, 35, stands in front of what remains of her Harris Beach Bar and Restaurant in Freetown on Wednesday. Demolition teams wielding axes and machetes this week smashed up popular beach bars as part of an improvement scheme to develop tourism in Sierra Leone's capital. The Ministry of Tourism and Culture says the beach bars, where aid workers and families relax and play in the sand, contribute to environmental degradation and are an eyesore. Bar owners say they have not been consulted or offered compensation.

China pushes U.S. for 'terror suspects'

GUANTANAMO China yesterday pressed the United States to hand over 17 Chinese Muslims held at Guantanamo, describing the men as terror suspects who must face the "sanction of the law."

The 17 have been held at the military prison on a U.S.-controlled part of Cuba since being captured during the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan in 2001. They are now caught in a tug-of-war between

the Bush administration, U.S. courts and Beijing.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the men were members of a UN-listed group accused of terrorism. "Through various channels we have presented our solemn stance and demands to the U.S. side," Qin said.

"We hope the U.S. will take this seriously and repatriate to China as soon as possible these 17 terror suspects."

Washington has said it cannot return the men to China because they would face persecution there. Qin rejected the possibility the 17 men could be tortured if they return.

A U.S. federal appeals court on Wednesday temporarily blocked their release, granting the Bush administration's request to stay a judge's order that they be released into the United States at the end of the week.

REUTERS

N. Korea deploys missiles, bars UN nuclear monitors

WEAPONS North Korea deployed more than 10 missiles, apparently for a test launch, a South Korean newspaper said yesterday, and halted UN monitoring of its nuclear complex.

The potentially destabilizing moves followed a U.S. offer to remove North Korea from its terrorism blacklist this month, in an effort to keep a nuclear disarmament pact from falling apart.

It would be an unprecedented test if all of the missiles were fired. Intelligence sources said they thought the North may launch five to seven, and that North Korea has forbidden ships to sail in part of the Yellow Sea until Oct. 15 in preparation.

The United States urged North Korea not to do anything, including launching missiles, that would make matters worse.

REUTERS

News in brief

THAILAND A Court of Appeals judge watered down treason charges against leaders of the People's Alliance for Democracy campaign yesterday, instead issuing new warrants for public order offences. The original arrest orders came Aug. 27, when the group stormed the

prime minister's compound.

PERU President Alan Garcia's entire cabinet will offer to quit in a corruption scandal over oil concessions, Prime Minister Jorge del Castillo said. Three energy officials have already been forced to quit.

REUTERS

Obama has four-point lead over McCain: Poll

ELECTION Democrat Barack Obama has built a four-point lead over Republican rival John McCain in the race for the White House, according to a poll released yesterday. Obama led McCain 48 per cent to 44 per cent among likely U.S. voters, up from his two percentage-point advantage Wednesday.

Obama expanded his advantage among independents to 13 points from nine and his lead among women grew to nine points from seven. He moved slightly ahead of McCain among Roman Catholic voters now leads or is even with McCain in all age groups, except those above 70.

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Sports



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Season underway

HOCKEY RESULTS

Calgary at Vancouver



LAURENCE HEINEN/FOR METRO CALGARY
THE SKINNY: Despite out-shooting Vancouver 9-5 in the first period, Calgary trailed 1-0 before the Canucks took over the game in the second period with two quick goals.

LABOUR PAINS: With steady blue-liner Robyn Regehr out of the lineup to be with his wife who went into labour, rookie defenceman Adam Pardy was called into duty for his first NHL action.

THE MOTIVATION: Before the game, the Canucks honoured the memory of defenceman Luc Bourdon, who was killed last May in a Motor-



Vancouver Canucks forward Ryan Kesler, centre, crashes over Flames goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff during last night's game.

cycle accident.

ond.

JEERS AND CHEERS: Vancouver fans booed former Canuck Todd Bertuzzi any time he touched the puck but cheered when he took an interference penalty in the sec-

THE NEXT GAME: The scene now switches to Calgary as the Northwest Division rivals get set for Saturday night's rematch at the 'Dome. Go to www.metronews.ca for results.

Winslow misses practice

Cleveland Browns starting tight end Kellen Winslow, left, missed yesterday's practice with an undisclosed illness. The Browns, coming off a bye, are unsure of Winslow's availability for Monday night's tilt against the New York Giants. The Miami-Florida product has recorded 19 receptions for 170 yards and a touchdown thus far for 1-3 Cleveland.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woman might join GM ranks

YorkReport

Marty York



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A 39-year-old woman ranks as the leading candidate to become the new general manager of the Seattle Mariners.

Kim Ng, assistant GM of the Los Angeles Dodgers, would make major league history if she is indeed hired. No woman has run an MLB club before, but the word on Ng around the big leagues is that she is irrefutably qualified. She served in the front office of the Chicago White Sox before being appointed assistant GM of the New York Yankees in 1997. She also worked at AL headquarters in New York.

She joined the Dodgers in 2001 and became the top lieutenant of GM **Ned Colletti** in 2005.

"I'd hate to lose her," Colletti told me, "but it would be unfair to even try to hold her back. She'll be an

outstanding GM, I'm sure. The time has come for a woman to join the fraternity."

While the Dodgers confront the Philadelphia Phillies in the NL Championship Series this week, Ng will be meeting Seattle chiefs about their vacant position.

Among the other Mariners candidates, by the way, is **Tony LaCava**, assistant GM of the Blue Jays.

"But as far as his chances in Seattle, Tony isn't even in the same ballpark as Kim is," an MLB source told me. "The only way Kim doesn't get this job is if she comes across foolishly in her interviews, and there's no way that'll happen because she's extremely sharp."

• Ng, incidentally, wouldn't be the first female GM in major professional sports.

That is, if you count the CFL as a major professional sport.

In 1989, **Jo-Anne Polak** was hired as the GM of the CFL franchise that used to be in Ottawa.

Speaking of the CFL, visit metronews.ca/cflreport for

my latest picks and nuggets on the league.

- And speaking of baseball GMs, the Tampa Bay Rays' **Andrew Friedman** is a shoo-in as MLB's top executive this season.

The Rays opened their schedule with the second-lowest payroll (\$43.8 million US) in the big leagues, and here they are, facing the Boston Red Sox in the ALCS.

Friedman, 31, is quite the story. He's a former investment analyst who thinks economically first but simultaneously leans on his experienced aides, including former Houston Astros GM **Gerry Hunsicker**, for their baseball acumen.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tampa Bay vs. Boston

TONIGHT'S GAME

Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:37
TOMORROW'S GAME

Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:07
MONDAY, OCT. 13

Tampa Bay at Boston, 2:37
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia vs. L.A. Dodgers

LAST NIGHT'S RESULT

Philadelphia 3 L.A. Dodgers 2
TONIGHT'S GAME

L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 2:35
SUNDAY'S GAME

Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 6:22
(Phillies lead series 1-0)

NHL

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Toronto 3 Detroit 2
Boston 5 Colorado 4

CALGARY at Vancouver

Anaheim at San Jose

TONIGHT'S GAMES

N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 5

Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 5

Florida at Carolina, 5

Montreal at Buffalo, 5:30

Washington at Atlanta, 5:30

Nashville at St. Louis, 6:30

Columbus at Dallas, 6:30

MONDAY'S GAMES

Hamilton at Montreal, 1
Saskatchewan at CALGARY, 4:30

NFL

WEEK 6

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Atlanta, 11

Miami at Houston, 11

Detroit at Minnesota, 11

Oakland at New Orleans, 11

St. Louis at Washington, 11

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 11

Baltimore at Indianapolis, 11

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 11

Jacksonville at Denver, 2:05

Green Bay at Seattle, 2:15

Dallas at Arizona, 2:15

Philadelphia at San Francisco, 2:15

New England at San Diego, 6:15

MONDAY'S GAME

N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 6:30

CFL

WEEK 16

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Toronto at Winnipeg, 7:30

Edmonton at B.C., 10:30

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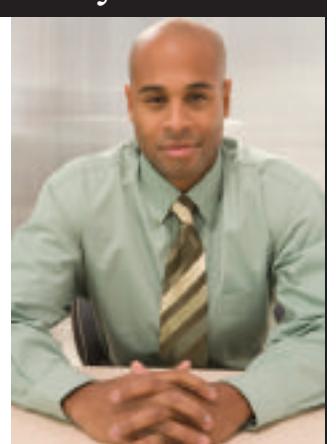
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DIRECTIONS: 1) PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Combine dressing, broccoli, peppers, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the mozzarella cheese. 2) SPREAD into 1-L baking dish or 9-inch pie plate. 3) BAKE 20 to 25 min. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. 4) BRACE yourself for unique flavour.





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Body of Lies entertains, yet ...

Body of Lies

Director: Ridley Scott
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Russell Crowe
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
 For Metro Canada

Just like the recent thriller Eagle Eye, Body of Lies is banking on the notion that, through technology, an unseen power can control our every move.

In the case of director Ridley Scott's latest film, that omnipotent surveillance is set in the Middle East, where CIA field agent Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) is not only tracking down an Osama bin Laden-like terrorist leader, but he's doing so under the guidance of stay-at-home chief Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe).

Observing Ferris's moves from the eyes of unmanned spy drones, Hoffman calls the shots over a



Russell Crowe, left, and Leonardo DiCaprio star in *Body of Lies*, a new film by director Ridley Scott.

Bluetooth in America while watching his kids play soccer.

For Ferris, this disconnect is the perfect example of the problems in the Middle East: If those directing the war on terror cannot relate to the situation on the ground, how

can they solve the quandary there?

I suppose that's the political point of the film, but three-time Oscar nominee Scott (*Gladiator*) compromises too much for the sake of the action to really hammer that message home.

Instead, he creates a decent actioner, led by DiCaprio who continues to impress with solid performances in socially conscious projects. As for Crowe — who reportedly gained more than 20 kilograms to play the pudgy puppetmaster — well,

there's only so much you can emote when you're pretending to be on the phone.

Although entertaining, *Body of Lies* — like its cinematic brethren *Eagle Eye* — carries little legitimacy as an accurate lesson in real world politics.

City of Ember a smart treat for kids, parents

City of Ember

Director: Gil Kenan
Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Harry Treadaway, Bill Murray
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
 For Metro Canada

REVIEW It says a lot about the current state of our planet when two of the biggest family films of recent months have been set in post-apocalyptic worlds where humans have been forced to abandon the planet due to excessive pollution.

Al Gore must be proud. Granted, *City of Ember* isn't as poignant or touching as Pixar's *Wall-E*, but then few films are.

Based on the novel by Jeanne Duprau, *City of Ember* is set in a world where a small community of humans have been living underground for generations, awaiting the day when the planet will be hospitable enough to return to the surface.

Of course, due to corrupt leadership — currently embodied by a potbellied mayor played by Bill Murray — none of the citizens know the master plan. It's



Bill Murray, centre, stars in *City of Ember*, which is set in a world where humans live underground.

"It is still one of the smartest children's screenplays in recent years."

up to two children (brilliantly played by Saoirse Ronan and Harry Treadaway) to uncover the mystery and save the city.

The plot is standard children's fantasy/adventure fare elevated by social and political commentary.

Caroline Thompson's script suffers from having to condense a full novel into 90 minutes, but it is still

proves himself to be a major young talent with this movie, infusing it with a directorial style and confidence rarely seen in a filmmaker of such limited experience.

Unfortunately, the movie probably won't reach the audience it deserves because it is simply too somber for the family matinee crowd.

While that tone is entirely appropriate for the subject matter, it won't pack theatres with birthday parties or sell happy meals.

That's unfortunate, because films this intelligent and well-crafted are rarely produced for kids. A little extra humour and exposition probably would have helped make this more palatable for the masses.

Paul Gross's passion for Passchendaele

PHILIP CROUCHER
 Metro Canada

FEATURE Paul Gross remembers listening to the gruesome stories his grandfather would tell about the First World War. They were moving, and heart wrenching.

So, when Gross began work on *Passchendaele*, the filmmaker's grandfather was on his mind as the battles played out in the movie.

"To get that hit, that this is what it was like, was an extraordinary gift," Gross said.

"I don't know what kind of breed of men they were. I don't know how they did this. I wouldn't have lasted 20 seconds."

It was the war stories told by his grandfather that ignited Gross's interest in making *Passchendaele*, a movie set during the height of the First World War.

The film — it opens next Friday — explores the horrific battle, a fight which claimed about a million lives and eventually found Canada victorious thanks to determination, commitment and triumph.

"Really, the movie is a love story with war as the culminating event," said Gross, who is the film's lead actor, writer, director and producer.

"I think it's because gradually I became more interested in the intimacy of warfare. What it does to communities and neighbours and love and innocence."

The movie was filmed in Alberta and took about a year to make. It cost \$20 million — high for a Canadian production.

"It did have a lot of money, but if this was a U.S. studio, they wouldn't contemplate it for anything less than \$100 million US," said Gross, who is from Calgary.

"So, we were still making a very low budget film in comparison, and I can guarantee there wasn't a day that went by on that set where I didn't think I couldn't use another \$80 million."

Gross is unsure how his movie will be received, but resigns himself to the fact it's out of his control.

"I just really hope those who do go to see it, and I hope every human being breathing in Canada goes to see it, really feels it was time well spent," he said.

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Marsden coming along as a comedic actor

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada

Josh Zuckerman, star of the new raucous teen comedy *Sex Drive*, admits his favourite gags in the film are "anything to do with James Marsden."

In a wild movie that's filled with scenes including a rowdy Amish keg party and a showdown with police while wearing a donut costume, Zuckerman's endorsement shows how far Marsden has come as a comic actor since rising to fame as a serious superhero in the X-Men franchise.

Indeed, while Marsden has been lighting up such lighter fare as *Hairspray* recently, *Sex Drive* — in theatres next Friday — marks the first film where he steals the show outright.

"I was sure hoping I would be (funny)," admits Marsden during a recent interview in Los Angeles.

"It was kind of a leap of faith. Like you go, 'Either this is going to be a career-

ender or people are going to really like it and find it funny.'

In the movie, Marsden plays Rex, the taunting and cocky brother to Zuckerman's Ian — a young virgin who sets out on a road trip in order to meet a sexy sure thing he met on the Internet.

A modern twist on the teen comedies of the '80s, it's perhaps no surprise that Marsden's character is one of the most obnoxious jerks on film since Bill Paxton offered Anthony Michael Hall a "greasy pork sandwich served in a dirty ashtray!" in John Hughes' *Weird Science*.

"In the teenage years, everybody feels like they're the anomaly, like they're the freak," says Marsden of the teen comedy genre's broad appeal.

"I certainly felt that way so all movies like this sort of got (me) through it. Vicariously through John Hughes, I was getting some action."

While Marsden has been receiving accolades for the



James Marsden plays Rex in the new comedy *Sex Drive*.

fearlessness of playing a jerk, he insists that it's harder work acting in more sobering projects like his next film, a psychological thriller called *The Box*.

"If I were to do live comedy and stuff like that, that

would be tough but this, you have a big old safety net," says Marsden. "You can mess up and not be funny and know it's going to get cut out of the movie. But I find it more difficult to expect somebody to really take you seriously."

Express typical sports movie

The Express

Director: Gary Fleder

Stars: Rob Brown, Dennis Quaid

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

REVIEW Sports movies have become a place where Americans try to talk about race with a regretful glance backwards and an optimistic one forward — if only we could say the same thing about election campaigns.

It's also a movie genre that has become as predictable as horror films. Like so many of its predecessors, Gary Fleder's *The Express* is based on a true story, sets up its protagonist, his allies and antagonists with ritual care, features a few game sequences heavy on careening, quick-cut camera work, and ends with the customary series of end titles to let us know what happened after the credits roll.

It's the story of Ernie Davis, the first African-American

winner of the Heisman Trophy, back when everything blacks did — in music or films or sports — became part of the public face of the civil rights struggles of the late '50s and early '60s.

Davis's great skill was as a running back, Jim Brown's successor as Syracuse University's star, and a name that probably would have been as iconic as Brown had he not died of Leukemia just after signing with the Cleveland Browns.

Rob Brown plays Davis as a natural talent with a moral compass, increasingly motivated to use his talent to encourage the aspirations of young blacks, and Fleder doesn't get in the way of letting this become the film's engine.

Dennis Quaid plays the coach of the Syracuse Orangemen, a white man willing to overlook colour if it helps win games, but unwilling to push too hard against the dangerously unstable racial edifices inside and outside the game.

There's nothing in *The Express* that challenges sports film convention.

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American Carol is practically laughless

REVIEW Arriving at least one election cycle too late, David Zucker's *An American Carol* uses the less-than-original tack of using Dickens' Yuletide classic to spoof left-wing politics and filmmaker Michael Moore in particular.

Carol squanders its comedic potential with a near-total absence of laughs. Audiences will be mostly stone-faced, although it's a pretty good bet that Moore will be laughing his ass off.

Zucker, whose credits include such successes in the genre as *Airplane!* and *The Naked Gun*, apparently felt that combining right-wing political arguments with cheap gags about Moore's slovenliness was a surefire recipe for laughs.

Actually, even those who find Moore's politics anathema will have some sympathy for the main character, dubbed Michael Malone and played appealingly by Kevin Farley.

A framing device featuring Leslie Nielsen relating the story to kids at a Fourth of July barbecue adds little comedic value, which involves the portly



Kelsey Grammer and Kevin Farley star in *An American Carol*.

filmmaker — whose latest effort is *Die, You American Pigs* — being visited by the ghosts of JFK, Gen. George Patton (Kelsey Grammer), George Washington (Jon Voight) and the Angel of Death (country singer Trace Adkins).

The ensuing episodes — including Neville Chamberlain shining Hitler's shoes, the happy slaves at Malone's plantation (there was no Civil War thanks to Lincoln's pacifism) and ACLU zombies being gunned down by a trigger-happy judge (Dennis Hop-

per) — are meant to depict how leftist ideas inevitably lead to ruination.

Unfortunately, the seriousness of the arguments — Zucker even brings the charred ruins of the World Trade Center towers into the mix — work against the gags, few of which are remotely funny anyway.

The sole laughs are scored by Robert Davi, amusingly playing it straight as a Muslim terrorist who wants to hire Malone to make a suicide-bomber recruitment film.

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A group of 11 college-aged kids sailed in the Transpac race as part of a new documentary.

Sailing doc looks at long journey

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

The more than 4,000-kilometre Transpac sailboat race from Los Angeles to Hawaii is grueling enough for seasoned sailors, but Roy Disney wanted to see how a group of college-aged kids would deal with the brutal weeklong journey across the Pacific Ocean.

A sailboat racing veteran — his own boat held the race record from 1999 to 2005 — he's also the former vice-chairman of Disney and knew the journey would make a great movie.

Along with executive producer Leslie DeMeuse, Disney had to find a boat, put together a sailing crew, and get the gear to capture it all — through rough seas and dark nights — during

the non-stop race.

Even now that the film, *Morning Light*, is being released in theatres next Friday, he's amazed that they were able to pull it off.

"We were anticipating the likelihood that the first couple of days of that race is usually hard, upwind, pounding kind of sailing, with a lot of water in the boat and bailing the bilge out constantly and everyone dripping wet," said Disney. "If you stick your head out of the hatch you get it right in the face, and if you do that with a camera it's bye-bye."

Like Disney, DeMeuse has spent years sailing, and says her introduction to the sport was part of her inspiration for *Morning Light*.

"When I crossed the ocean when I was 16, I had

a very small world with my friends, and my father dragged me on that boat kicking and screaming, but it was worth every kick and scream that I did, because it really opened up my whole world," she said.

Kit Will, one of the 11 young people who eventually sailed the *Morning Light* across the Pacific, has been on boats since he was a toddler, and describes the appeal of sailing in simple but resonant terms.

"When I was a little kid, it was a lot about freedom and the independence of being out there in your little dinghy," said Will. "And it is actually free. The lessons you learn being out there on your own about self-reliance, even if you're with a team, are really important."

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Quote of the week

"The first time that everyone saw me I was ... six and I was in I Am Sam and now I'm 14. So I think that's inevitable, but I am getting older. I am growing up and I can't do anything about that. I have to do what I feel is right for me and grow as an actress. I have to do that no matter what, if I want to continue doing this, and I do."

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Movie morsels

Beverly Hills Chihuahua

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REVIEW These days, it seems Hollywood producers are all wondering the same thing: If my dog could speak, what would it say? Well, Beverly Hills Chihuahua is the latest talking animal flick to heed that query and — according to one cheeky chihuahua at least — the answer is, "Oh no she didn't!" Featuring the voices of Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia and other celebs, Chihuahua is a harmless "tail" (Ha!) about a snooty, rich lapdog that gets lost in Mexico and must journey back to Rodeo Drive. Along the way, she encounters a mélange of muttering mutts and an annoying animated rat-iguana duo that, in the end, teach us life lessons.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Blindness

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REVIEW Based on the acclaimed book by Nobel laureate Jose Saramago, Blindness was deemed unfilmable. Well that was until multi-talented Canadian actor/writer Don McKellar — perhaps most famous as the playwright of The



Greg Kinnear plays Robert Kearns in the film Flash of Genius.

Drowsy Chaperone — got his hands on it. The story of a city besieged by a strange disease that causes everyone to suffer a "white blindness," this film is part-allegory, part-dystopian drama. Simply put, as everyone except Julianne Moore loses their sight and are put in quarantine, society crumbles into chaos, violence and disarray not unlike we've seen in such fare as Lord of the Flies. At times, it makes for a har-

rowing suspense drama, and director Fernando Mereilles (The Constant Gardener) adds a notable visual flair that will either evoke an impressive sense of dread or simply nauseate you.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Flash of Genius

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REVIEW Flash of Genius isn't an easy movie to sell. It doesn't feature a major

star, and it's about the guy who created the intermittent windshield wiper — not exactly the sort of invention that leaves most mouths gaping in awe. Set in the heyday of the automobile, Greg Kinnear plays Robert Kearns, an eccentric college professor who — after literally getting coked in the eye — invents a new wiper. When the Ford Motor Company shows just enough interest to get his prototype and steal the idea, Kearns must take on the auto giant to regain his dignity even though it costs him his family and, by all indication, his sanity.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Miracle at St. Anna

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Ghost Town

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REVIEW Using a real-life massacre of innocent civilians by German troops as his inspiration, Spike Lee's film follows a quartet of black GIs who are cut off from their unit behind enemy lines. They rely on a remote village to hide them, and the wounded and traumatized little boy one of them has adopted, while their commanding officer demands that they bring back a captured German to confirm an imminent attack. The film has a looseness and disjointed continuity that suggest a drastic editing down that is only partly mitigated by its lunge into the fantastical at the end. Despite his habitual contentiousness, Lee is still a marvelous craftsman, and when something works it really works, though not enough to make Miracle At St. Anna anything like an unqualified success.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist

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REVIEW A shambling but charming story of true love accidentally discovered on a hectic New York night starring Michael Cera, the Warren Beatty of the under-25 indie kid set as Nick, and the pillow-lipped Kat Dennings as Norah, the pretty girl who gives Nick a reason to forget about his nasty tease of an ex. Set in the bars and lounges of New York's rock scene, the film is full of the sorts of cameos that are supposed to give it credibility with its target audience, and basically succeeds.

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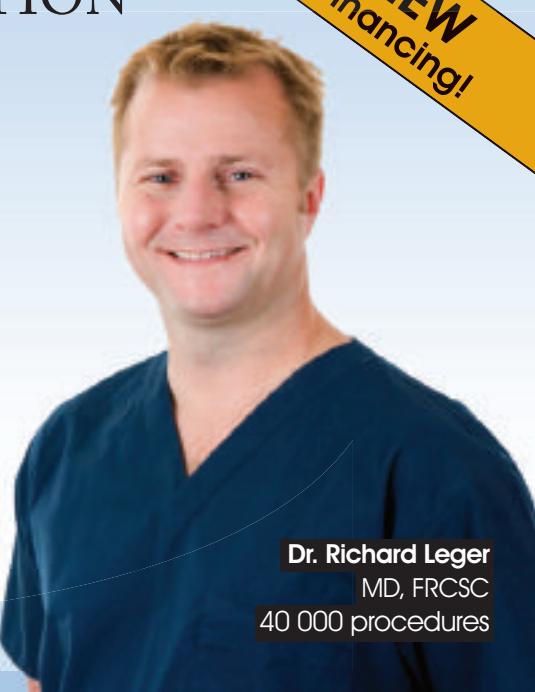
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Television

Rick's TVPicks

Election Night

Season Premiere: Oct. 5
Network: various

Every channel will likely be covering this year's polls, though none of them will probably admit that they probably won't have the final tally before they have to give way to late-night syndicated shows and infomercials. If you're not a political junkie or a policy wonk obsessed with the ritual, the only way to make it interesting — there's a drinking game or three in here somewhere — is to compare how each network tried to make the plodding process of exit



Stephen Harper

polls and counting ballots seem like D-Day performed by the cast of *Run Lola Run*.

Rick Mercer's Election Special

Season Premiere: Oct. 14
Network: CBC

Rick Mercer is Canada's Jon Stewart, mostly due to a lack of competition, and like Stewart and Saturday Night Live, he has a civic duty to put on special election programming. Canada's political leaders have always been happy to play along with Mercer and his former colleagues at This Hour Has 22 Minutes, so Mercer's political satire always has a coziness that's both utterly Canadian and occasionally regrettable.



Rick Mercer

Testees

Season Premiere: Oct. 14
Network: Showcase

This new comedy from Kenny Hotz of *Kenny Vs. Spenny* fame arrives packed with gleeful gross-out humour appropriate to the daygo pun in its title and the reliable presumption that two men together are infinitely more idiotic than a man alone. Two losers make rent money by selling themselves as drug-testing guinea pigs; the pregnant man joke is dispensed with in the pilot, so it's nowhere to go but up from here. The place to go if you want real comic relief from the night's political coverage.



Kenny Hotz

Glamour UK's Best Dressed 2008

Season Premiere: Oct. 13
Network: Star!

Shows like this are the TV equivalent of dusting a corn dog with Splenda — queasy-making and not made the list, even remotely good for you, but in the right frame of mind (sarcastic, verging on bilious) there's a sort of vicarious sport to be had in wondering at the get-ups famous people will step out in, and the barbed admiration celebrity news shows will display at their combination of genes, gym time and shamelessness.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Execs talk new season

IntelleVision

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WORKING CLASS HERO: One sure sign that the current TV season has tanked is that network executives are already talking about the next one.

Yesterday, the New York Post ran a story anticipating a revival of the near-flatlined sitcom in response to the second coming of the Great Depression that's supposed to be one more defaulted mortgage away.

According to the Post, the ladies and gentlemen in the offices with the view that doesn't look over the repo yard are even taking credit for anticipating the economic downturn months ago, which suggests that SEC might want to take a look at their portfolios for

signs of conspicuous shorting of stocks.

"We anticipated that the economic times were not going to be as strong as they once were," said Ben Silverman, the NBC programming wunderkind who spent most of August in Beijing instead of preparing for his network's new season, "and so, after the writers' strike, we consciously began development on a number of shows featuring working-class heroes."

"One thing that is definitely happening is, as the economic crisis has entered the zeitgeist, certain projects become more relevant and others less," said Jennifer Nicholson Salke, head of comedy and drama development at Fox Television.

Just precisely what that means, however, depends on who's doing the interpreting.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Music

First political sound bites recorded 100 years ago

SoundCheck



Alan Cross

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Watching all the political debates this past week reminded me of a CD I recently acquired on a whim. It's a 22-track release of a presidential debate from — wait for it — 1908.

When Thomas Edison invented the phonograph, the last thing he was interested in was recording music. He envisioned the phonograph as a way to capture the words of great men and their great speeches for all time. In 1908, U.S. Republicans nominated William Howard Taft while the Democrats countered with William Jennings Bryan for the third consecutive time.

When they met in a series of debates to discuss issues such as imperialism (Should America stay in the Philippines?), intervention into foreign lands (Are Christian missions any of our business?) and the recent collapse of the American financial system (The Panic of 1907), their addresses were recorded on Edison Talking Machines and distributed on Edison cylinders. In other words, 100 years ago, the media gave us our first political sound bites.

Edison cylinders were fragile things, but given their historical value, examples of the Taft/Jennings debates were preserved. And forgotten. Enter a company from Champaign, Ill., called Archeophone Records. Since 1998, they've been lovingly preserving and reissuing ancient sound recordings on CD.

The Taft/Jennings recordings are fascinating, but Archeophone also has releases that collect songs from the time before microphones, mixing boards and proper studios.

Lost Sounds: Blacks and the Birth of the Recording Industry, 1891-1922 is a window on some of the earliest blues and jazz recordings ever made. Before Radio: Comedy, Drama and Sound Sketches, 1897-1923 offers an idea of the kind of entertainment people would listen to on their Edison machines before anyone even knew what a "radio" was. My favourite is Actionable Offenses: Indecent Phonograph Recordings from the 1890s. If you think today's comedians are out of control, then you need to listen to what was being committed to cylinder more than a century ago.

Archeophone is highly recommended for people who want to know how the recording industry began. Go to archeophone.com.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at exploremusic.com and ongoinghistory.com

Looking back in anger

Toronto incident overshadows release of Oasis' new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

While the recent attack on Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher was bad — he broke three ribs after a 47-year-old man assaulted him at Toronto's Virgin Festival last month — bassist Andy Bell said things could have been worse.

"I saw Noel lying on the ground," he says on the phone from his London home. "I thought he had been stabbed."

At first Bell was in shock. He saw the crazed fan leap at singer Liam Gallagher after knocking Noel down, but three body guards quickly tackled the suspect. Although the band finished its set, it had to cancel a number of tour dates — including ones in London, Ont., and Montreal — after the band found out the older Gallagher brother had broken bones.

Needless to say, Bell and the rest of the band aren't too pleased that they're sitting at home while their new record, *Dig*

Out Your Soul, is hitting stores this week.

"We're unbelievably angry about this," he says. "It's crazy, right now we should be doing dates, but we're not. This has thrown a huge bomb in the middle of our schedule. Apart from the fact it's something you don't do. You don't attack a man from behind."

Bell's not sure what will happen to the attacker, and he hasn't found out why Gallagher was hit, but the incident has made them rethink their large festival gigs.

Although the band did finally resume touring this week in Liverpool, this setback has made it more

difficult to promote its album. It's too bad too as *Dig Out Your Soul* could be the band's best effort since its mid-90s heyday. The songs aren't as rocking as What's the Story Morning Glory, and they don't deviate much from their familiar Beatles-esque pop, but for the first time in a while the band sounds like it's trying again.

It helps that every band member contributed at least a track to the record. Bell's responsible for the upbeat rocker *Nature of Reality*, and while it's one of the less Oasis-like tracks on the album, making it a refreshing addition to the band's sound, it's not the song the bassist would have

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Bassist Andy Bell

picked for the record.

"If we were going to for one track, I would have chosen a different one," he says, pointing out that he actually wrote a number of tunes, despite only one being picked. "Noel sets the tone of the album, then he goes back through the 60 or so songs we've got in a collective pile and he pulls out things that suit his head space. So *Nature* made more sense with everything together."

While the soft spoken Bell has several more good tunes that might never see the light day, he's not upset — he just wants to get back on the road. "We're trying to get in the zone again. The worst thing was preparing to be so active and then not doing anything. We all feel a bit out of sorts, but in terms of playing, the music sounds brilliant."

Oasis' new album, *Dig Out Your Soul*, is now in stores.

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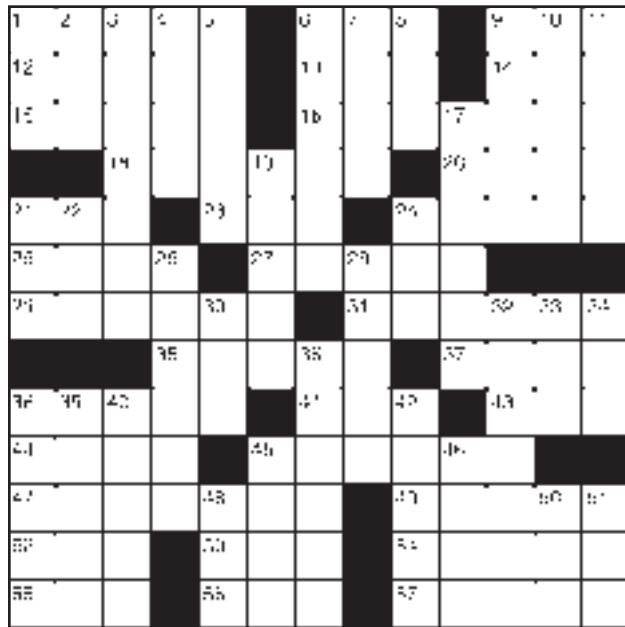
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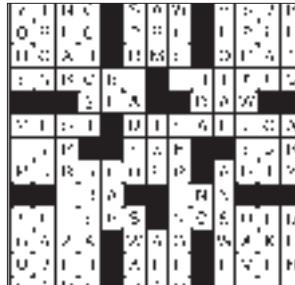
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32 Prop for Minnesota Fats
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38 Killer whales
39 Hot spot in 9-Across
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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A worker presents serious challenges. There'll be some strange developments. Some days are just too weird to be true.



TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Learn something new after lunch. Loneliness is dispelled by an amusing friend. It's not possible to do everything by yourself.



GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You'll be reminded of your importance to others. Someone gives you an important business tip. A warning won't make you change your mind.



CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You can bring out the best in a friend. Stop paying attention to gossip at work. An adversary decides to drop in on you without warning.



LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Contact with a girlfriend gives some relief. New clothes become the focus of a domestic drama. It's not wise to complain of the management's direction.



VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Make a fresh start by standing your ground. Trouble with money unsettles a woman. Brace yourself if you want to be comforting.



LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Comings and goings will disturb an arrogant person. You'll get a better understanding of an apology. A crazy female makes promises that won't be kept.



SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 21

A rushed woman can't tell you what to do. An important document needs adjustment. Be true to yourself.



SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Say yes to a difficult request. Help someone to be calm when alarmed. A man's misunderstood signals will create uncertainty.



CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Provide support for someone even if you're busy. An undertaking will be surprising and fun. A control freak is secretive about misbehaving.



AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A serious guy makes you giddy with joy. Things change for the better in the neighbourhood. A new love affair is set to begin soon.



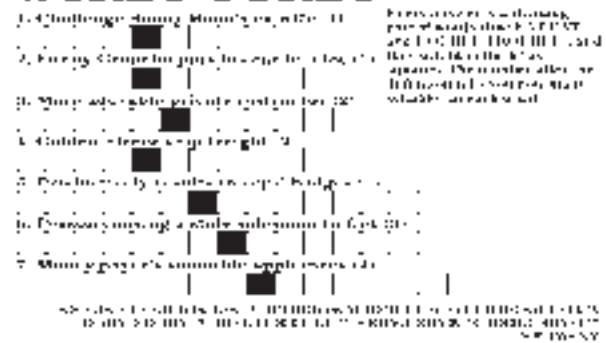
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FEB 19-MARCH 20

Being unselfish might help a cheater to escape retaliation. A tough guy has gotten lost and wants you to help. A busybody won't hear you refuse.



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This day in history

- OCT. 10, 1780: The Great Hurricane of 1780 kills 20,000-30,000 in the Caribbean.
OCT. 10, 1944: Holocaust: 800 Gypsy children are systematically murdered at Auschwitz death camp.
OCT. 10, 1969: King Crimson releases their debut album, *In the Court of the Crimson King*, considered by many to be the first progressive rock album.
OCT. 10, 1970: In Montreal, a national crisis hits Canada when Quebec Vice-Premier and Minister of Labour Pierre Laporte becomes the second statesman kidnapped by members of the FLQ terrorist group.

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Celebrity Buzz

Kellie opens up about depression

PEOPLE Last year, Kellie Pickler battled depression and suffered reactions to anti-depressant pills after struggling with family problems and a breakup from her boyfriend, hockey player Jordin Tootoo, People.com reports.

"In my personal life, I was just crumbling," the singer says.

Anti-depressants made her "crazy," she says, and the side effects forced her to quit the pills.

At the same time, she watched her father — a convicted felon who had been released from

prison soon after her stint on American Idol — return to jail, while her mother, who abandoned her at the age of two, unexpectedly re-emerged.

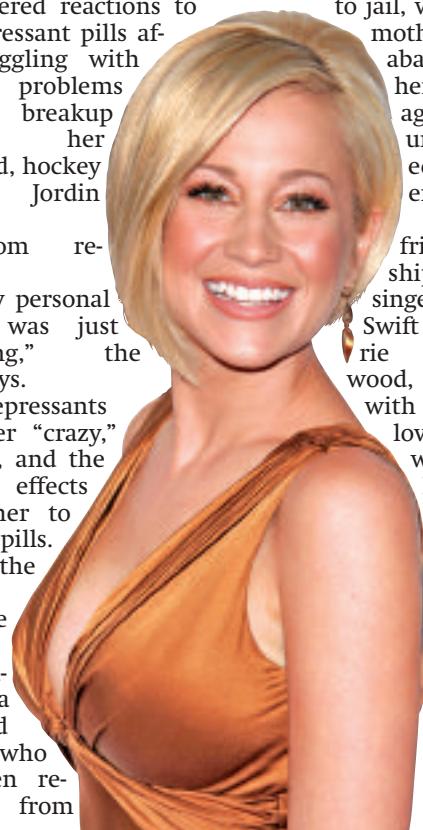
Her friendships with singers Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood, along with a new love, songwriter Kyle Jacobs, and writing songs helped her find balance again.

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"I went to this doctor once, and he was like, 'Oh, let me do it just here and here and here.' And I was miserable. I mean, I'm an actor, I've got to be able to move my face ... It's not that I haven't tried Botox — but I hated it," she says.



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Shot at Botox irks Courteney

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Courteney Cox has revealed to Marie Claire magazine that she's no fan of Botox, because it would destroy her ability to act. Phew! Big sigh of relief from yours truly. Rejoice with me that we're not going to be robbed of the thespian talents of Courteney Cox in the foreseeable future.

You have to love it when a celebrity makes a breathless admission that attempts to position her as a person not entirely morally compromised by living in the cesspool of venality that is Hollywood. Saying, "I won't use Botox" is right up there with, "If I have one fault, it might be that I care about people too much," or, "The friends I grew up with keep me grounded." You can be sure that when you read these statements, the speaker is probably laughing and thinking, "I'm such a good actor!"

However, I won't dispute that Cox is telling the truth when she says she doesn't use Botox. Botox is as passé as detox these days. The elite have moved on to something else. Nicole Kidman has fewer lines on her face than her newborn daughter, and my sources tell me that a top-secret injected serum made up of dolphin tears, called Flippox, is responsible.

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Jamie Lynn plans to pursue biz degree

EDUCATION Jamie Lynn Spears is planning to go to university to study for a business degree as soon as her baby daughter is old enough to be left with a nanny, imbd.com reports.

The actress, sister of pop star Britney, isn't content to remain a stay-at-home mom to four-month-old Maddie.

Seventeen-year-old Jamie Lynn is itching to finish her education and will

leave the tot with her mother Lynne so she can go to college.

"I want to get my business degree," she tells OK! magazine. "I could take online courses right now, but with Maddie being so young, it's hard to sit down and focus. I'm going to wait until she's a little bit older, and she can stay with my mama while I go to classes. I do want to go to college and get a degree."

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Ben bans trendy names

CHARITY Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner will choose a traditional name for their unborn child, because the actor dislikes "trendy" baby names in Hollywood, imbd.com reports.

The couple is expecting their second child later this year.



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Stalking suspect faces trial

DENIALS A woman accused of stalking actor John Cusack will stand trial after a plea deal fell through, imbd.com reports.

Diane Leatherman, 33, was arrested outside Cusack's California home in March and charged with one felony count of stalking.

Leatherman was set to accept a deal with a Los Angeles court, which would

have seen her avoid prison, but it collapsed after she accused her attorney, Brent Merritt, of using scare tactics to get her to agree to the deal.

Merritt denied the allegation.

Leatherman will now stand trial at a future date. Leatherman faces three years in prison if convicted.

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Group lauds Avril's work

KUDOS Avril Lavigne has been lauded for her charity work in China, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star's recent tour, which wrapped in Beijing, China, recently, has been raising money to help the poor and children with disabilities. Members of the China Association of Social Workers have presented Lavigne with a certificate of hon-

our in recognition of her efforts.

During her tour of the country, Lavigne has also been taking time out to visit kids in the Sichuan province, which was ravaged by earthquakes earlier this year, to present them with gifts.



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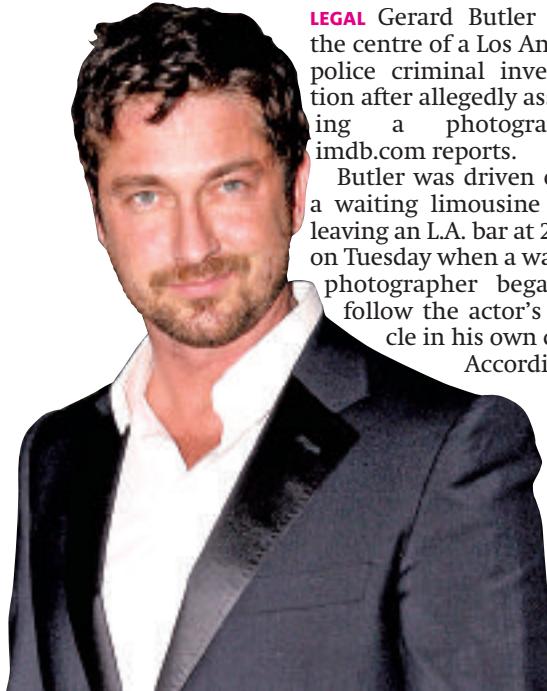
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Lopez denies nervous breakdown

A spokesperson for singer/actress Jennifer Lopez has denied reports the star suffered a nervous breakdown in 2002. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Butler in assault probe



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LEGAL Gerard Butler is at the centre of a Los Angeles police criminal investigation after allegedly assaulting a photographer, imbd.com reports.

Butler was driven off in a waiting limousine after leaving an L.A. bar at 2 a.m. on Tuesday when a waiting photographer began to follow the actor's vehicle in his own car.

According to

TMZ.com, Butler ordered his limousine to stop before climbing out and asking the photographer why he was being followed.

When the man responded, "Hey, that's my job," Butler allegedly reached in the car, grabbed the photographer's throat and punched him with a closed fist.

According to reports, the paparazzo had to be treated in hospital for his injuries, which were stitched up before he went to file a police report for the incident.

Officials at the Los Angeles Police Department have confirmed they are looking into the case and plan on interviewing the actor.

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007 recovering after accident

ON THE MEND Daniel Craig has revealed he needed plastic surgery after an accident on the set of the new James Bond film, BBC News Online reports.

The actor severed his fingertip and had eight stitches on his face after being accidentally kicked by one of his Quantum of Solace co-stars.

Craig said the incident, which happened in June, was "a stupid inconvenience."

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No jealous guys for Ashley, please

RELATIONSHIPS High School Musical star Ashley Tisdale has warned potential suitors she won't stand for jealousy in a relationship, especially against her co-star Zac Efron, imbd.com reports.

The 23-year-old is looking for a potential boyfriend, but has been put off because most young men get envious when they see her surrounded by Hollywood hunks, particularly her friend Efron.

"I'm always surrounded by good-looking guys, like Zac Efron," she tells Seventeen magazine. "So I have to be with



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Nemo spooks Kiefer

PEOPLE Kiefer Sutherland is reluctant to watch animated movies, because the 2003 movie Finding Nemo frightened him, imbd.com reports.

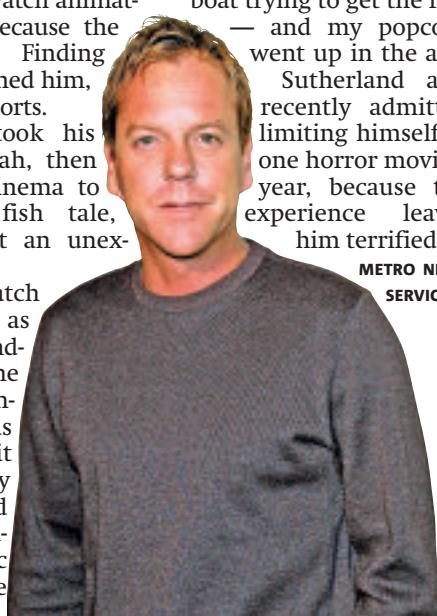
The star took his daughter Sarah, then 15, to the cinema to watch the fish tale, when he got an unexpected shock.

"I can watch something as simple as Finding Nemo," he says. "I remember I was watching it with my daughter and it was a fantastic music cue when the

shark came through the boat trying to get the fish — and my popcorn went up in the air."

Sutherland also recently admitted limiting himself to one horror movie a year, because the experience leaves him terrified.

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Law caught breaking law?

LAW Actor Jude Law could find himself in trouble after he was photographed driving while apparently using his cellphone, imbd.com reports.

Law was photographed with one hand on the steering wheel while holding the phone to his ear in London on Tuesday.

Using a phone while driving has been outlawed since 2003 in the U.K.

It's reportedly not the first time the 35-year-old has been snapped using a phone at the wheel; a similar picture appeared in the British media in July.

says.
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Hogan rejects nude photo spread

PLAYBOY Brooke Hogan has turned down an offer to pose nude in Playboy, usmagazine.com reports.

"Brooke just didn't feel that it was the right time," her rep tells usmagazine.com. "It's not out of the question for the future, but we'll have to see." Wrestler Hulk Hogan's daughter, 20, is no stranger when it comes to showing some skin: She previously stripped down to a bikini for FHM.

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